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Dear Peter,

Glad your letter of the 3rd came today before I resume writing, which I do intensively when I geg into it. Thus I respond immediately.

You say more on the Nixon-CDM connection than Turner does. I am always dubious about his work, kowning from first-hand experience that he is a retailer who is frequently unfaithful to his usually-uncredited source, a man who regards plagiarism as proper. I would like to be able to carry what you write further but don't know if I'll have the time. It fits. It is also entirely consistent.

I have woven together more of these kinds of Nixon-Hunt links but can t take time for them now. I will be writing them, have roughed out some. Tied down dependably, that Kohly/CDM/Rex business could be good. If and when you are here again, remember to get me to go into the timing of the Rex raid for you. CIA had just begun to impelement JFK's policies re Castro. Ditto also reluctantly, for FBI, Customs, etc. It also immediately followed a revanchist powwow in Guatemala (to whose friendly government they were at least in part indebted to Hunt).

I have the Hunt galleys, not from Szulc, who I've never spoken to. I also have some of Cushman's memos. He lied more extensively than you note but again, I can t now take time to inform you fully. CIA was willing to be much more helpful to Hunt/ White House than he said, or than Helms or Walters said, and they actually offered me help after the time they say they cut it off. Hunt was a hog, that's the only reason he didn't accept their offer. Ervin suppressed this. He has it.

Haven't read a.m. paper yet, but let me note for you the Ecuador ITT operation, paralleling Chile/CIA and that ITT has a long history of this. I have old files going back to probably the 30s on this.

The only links I can recall between ONI and Cuban activities are tenuous. Bay Pigs, I understand (N.O. reporter) that they fingered the Houma cache, which supposedly belonged to the French colons. ONI, also N.O., Guy Johnson, had sources on Oswald he won't disclose and reported what had been suppressed, an Oswald lakefront contact, supposedly homosexual, that has an odd duplication in the Garrison fictions. I recall nothing connecting Army intelligence, but I may have forgotten. My memory isn t what it once was.

Butler, however, is a different story. I have much on him, some of which I'll be using, some I won't. He was probably part of the State UnAmerican committee activity and he had good Senate Internal Security connections. I have an extensive file on him. Met him only once, when I hadn't been in bed for more than a day.

I'm sorry you didn t go over my Cuban files before you went through the Archives. You might have speeded your work there up and would have been more sensitive to what may have been declassified or just returned to the files after I went through them, which was long ago. Did you learn anything you believe is new there?

There is a pretty big Cuban archive at Stanford, if you didn t know it. I don't know what it has. A directory of Americans in Cuba used to be prifited. I can probably find the reference if you should want it.

Thanks for telling me your source on the Nixon/CDM connection. If you get any more on it and have no objection to use, I'd welcome it.

Sincerely,